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Movie maker targets local file sharers in court battle

Statement of claim.

Voltage Pictures seeking more than \$10,000 from each defendant

Have you downloaded the movies *Killer Joe*, *Tucker & Dale vs Evil* or any of the *True Justice* series lately?

Even if your answer is no, you may still be part of an unprecedented lawsuit from Voltage Pictures, a Los Angeles movie maker targeting hundreds of Ottawa file sharers.

"In some cases, it's one movie; in others, it may be two," said Tina Furlan, director of marketing for Internet service provider TekSavvy, of the suit brought to Canada's Federal Court Nov. 14 that targets thousands of the ISP's BitTorrent-using customers in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal.

"We have been served with a motion and (could) be forced to provide personal information," Furlan said on Tuesday, referring to a motion filed by Voltage early this week demanding the ISP provide details about some of its customers.

Voltage Pictures says it has

a list of identity-revealing Internet Protocol (IP) addresses from a Montreal company that has data on one million Canadians involved in illegal file sharing. Some 2,000 TekSavvy IP addresses are on that list, representing 1,100 customers. "If you're file sharing, your data is publicly available," said Furlan.

Recent changes to Canada's Copyright Act in November put the maximum a court would award Voltage at \$5,000 per defendant, said Michael Geist, the Canada Research Chair in Internet and e-commerce law at the University of Ottawa.

"The Canadian government has said that the big multi-million-dollar lawsuits brought against an individual, as seen in the U.S., seem to be disproportionate," he said. "But it's certainly unprecedented in scope. We haven't seen thousands of Canadians targeted in a single case."

Furlan said Voltage is due to appear in court Dec. 17 to find out whether the user data will be handed over.

"We are urging our customers to seek legal advice if they are concerned or if they receive a notice," she said.

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The *Hurt Locker* is just one film produced by Voltage Pictures, which is going after Canadian file sharers for downloading its content illegally.

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Wicked Wanda's won't remove racy sadomasochistic display

'Sexual subset.'
Manager says store has received no direct complaints from people living near sex shop

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Chained-up, leather-clad Barbie and Ken dolls whipping each other will remain in the storefront display at Wicked Wanda's on Bank Street, according to the store.

Manager Mel Lockhart said that, despite media reports of complaints about the display, very few people have actually ventured into the shop to complain directly. "If this person had a legitimate complaint about the window, they would come into the store and complain," said Lockhart Tuesday.

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"You can go do whatever you want, to whomever you want, all night long. But you know what? Not in the public view."

Nearby resident Shannon Lee Mannion

"We are a bondage store. And if anybody actually lodged a complaint into the store that has been in the surrounding area, I would talk to the owner and we would think of another way to do the window."

The display, consisting of about 10 dolls engaging in various forms of sadomasochism, accounts for about a quarter of the shop's main storefront window. Behind the dolls are copies of the wildly popular 50 Shades of Grey series.

Lockhart maintains it's nothing beyond what the shop has displayed in the past.

The display drew the ire of Shannon Lee Mannion, who says she lives nearby. She calls the display "pornography." Mannion said she took her complaints to city hall and, later, to reporters.

"There are five or six other sex shops in the area, and not one of them has got anything to do with the actual sexual act (displayed in the storefront)," Mannion said. "Why don't they put their little BDSM manger scene inside the store. Why don't they put it there?"

Mannion repeatedly said she has nothing against "kink," or the store's patrons. But she said they're a "very small sexual subset of our population," and the display is "offensive to many people, most people."



Action figures depict a bondage scene in a controversial storefront display at Wicked Wanda's Adult Emporium on Bank Street. ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

Chinese business incubator invests \$10M on Ottawa tech firms

China is betting \$10 million on Ottawa's tech firms as state-owned business incubator Zhongguancun Development Group set up at entrepreneurial booster Invest Ottawa's offices Tuesday.

"We grabbed them by the hand and dragged them here," said Bruce Lazenby, CEO of Invest Ottawa. "I used to think that when a company established itself in Ottawa that it

was serendipitous, but this is a hotly contested market."

With a capital base of \$1.9 billion, ZDG set up a similar incubator in California's Silicon Valley last year and the new location marks the second spot in North America.

The aim of the company is to pave the way for Canadian businesses to enter the Chinese market.

"By 2018, you could say

China is the biggest consumer of blank, insert any word and it would be a true statement," said Lazenby.

"The \$10 million is basically money that will be available to Ottawa companies for their development in China."

If Ottawa firms want to do localized market research or product development overseas, the fund from the ZDG Ottawa International Incubation Cen-

tre will help get them there.

Lazenby said there is no shortage of tech talent in the city, be it building the next best mobile app or a connector component for solar cells.

"Sometimes it disappears in the shadow of the peace tower," he said, "But there are 2,000 companies with 75,000 people producing terrific stuff."

A number of new technology startups have budded in

Ottawa and Lazenby is hopeful some of them will find themselves drawn to the vast Chinese market.

"Ottawa companies have always known that they have to be global. China is difficult to approach," he said. "Here we have an extraordinarily well-respected partner that can hand hold them right to the end market."

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Xmas spirit. Wish to interpret song didn't fall on deaf ears

As Canadian folk star Jimmy Rankin croons Christmas classics during his December concert at the NAC, one Ottawa woman's dream will bring his lyrics to life in sign language.

"Even though I'm deaf, I learned how to feel music," said Elizabeth Morris, who has been deaf since birth and will perform alongside the singer Dec. 18.

"I can follow it, but it takes a lot of concentration. I have a problem with accessibility," she said of music. "I want to change that for people with hearing loss. My dream is to be next to a famous singer and sign their song."

Morris was granted her wish by CBC's Hopes and Dreams contest which aimed to turn a dream into a reality for a contestant who raised the most money for charity.

"I only raised \$300," Morris said, adding that although she wasn't the top winner, CBC wanted to fulfil her dream anyway.

"I can't remember having this done before," said Jimmy Rankin of Lethbridge. He's working to complete touring on his new Christmas album, Tinseltown, before the holidays hit. "I got a request before leaving for the road. I haven't spoken to Elizabeth but I have



Elizabeth Morris CONTRIBUTED

already picked out a song for her."

Rankin said that he set out to record a Christmas album after he was invited to do a holiday special last year where he played a Rockabilly version of Jingle Bell Rock.

"I just wanted to evoke a really good sense of the Christmas spirit. I went back into my childhood and things I love about Christmas," he said of the four new holiday tracks he penned and eight classics on the album. "I have two kids now, so I'm reliving that with my children."

Morris said she is very excited to perform beside Rankin and that she hopes it will get more people with hearing loss out to experience concerts.

"I really want to fulfil this dream to entertain everybody," she said. "I want to break that ice. I truly believe that more deaf and hard-of-hearing people will come out."

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Canadian folk star Jimmy Rankin will perform at the National Arts Centre Dec. 18. Deaf Ottawan Elizabeth Morris will fulfil her dream to perform sign language for a song sung by a famous Canadian when she performs with him. CONTRIBUTED



Aerial dancers Vincent Poliquin-Simms and Andree Rainville hang from the facade of city hall on Tuesday as the NCC announces the lineup for Winterlude 2013.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Diversity takes centre stage at Winterlude

35th edition. Winter festival to pay homage to 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's exploration of Outaouais, 60th anniversary of Korean War armistice



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A dash of comedy, a hint of tasty cuisine, and a side of international history is what visitors to the 35th edition of Winterlude will find this year.

The diverse lineup for the Feb. 1 to 18 festival was announced Tuesday by the National Capital Commission (NCC) and Mayor Jim Watson at Marion Dewar Plaza, the event's newest official venue.

Ottawa's first winter comedy festival, Cracking-Up the Capital, will be held Feb. 6 to 9 in partnership with Winterlude at various venues around town to "warm up your laughing

Online

- More details are available at canadascapital.gc.ca.

muscles."

On Feb. 7, guests at Hintonburg's Burnt Butter restaurant will enjoy chef Stef Wallace's demonstration of hand-rolling gnocchi, cappalletti, and fettuccine before they sit down to a four-course, Tuscan dinner with wine.

The NCC is also collaborating with Jinju Namgang Yudeung Festival in Jinju, South Korea, to create a 115-foot-long tunnel of lanterns in Confederation Park.

Usual favourites like the Rideau Canal and ice-sculpture competition will also please the crowds. On colder days, visitors can warm up to a DJ dance party with local artists or head into one of several indoor programs.

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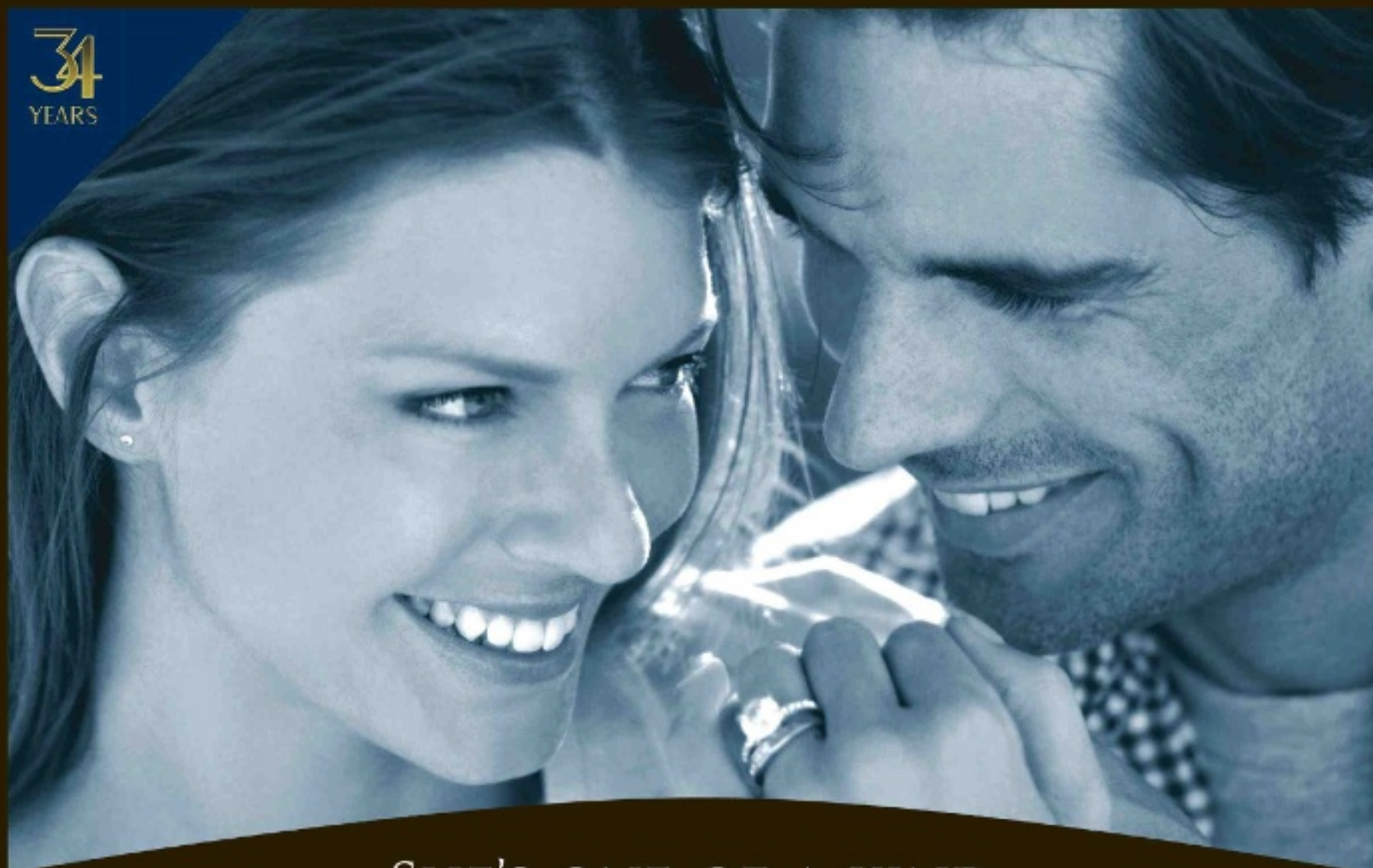
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Defiant move. North Korea fires missile in face of global condemnation

North Korea fired a long-range rocket Wednesday morning in its second launch under its new leader, defying warnings from the UN and Washington only days before South Korean presidential elections.

South Korean Defence Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok told a nationally televised news conference that a South Korean Aegis-equipped destroyer deployed in the Yellow Sea detected the launch, but South Korea still didn't know if it was successful. North Korea had indicated technical problems with the rocket and recently extended its launch window to Dec. 29.

Japan said one part of the rocket landed west of the Korean Peninsula and another part was expected to have landed east of the Philippines. South Korean President Lee Myung-bak planned an emergency national-security council meeting Wednesday, and Japan protested the rocket launch.

The North says the Unha rocket is meant to put a satellite in orbit. A similar launch in April broke apart shortly after



South Korean soldiers watch a public TV reporting news about North Korea's rocket launch.

AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

liftoff, and the condemnation that attempt received is likely to be repeated. Washington sees the launch as a cover for a test of technology for missiles that could be used to strike the United States.

Rocket tests are seen as crucial to advancing North Korea's nuclear-weapons ambitions. The country is thought to have only a handful of rudimentary nuclear bombs. But Pyongyang is not yet believed capable of building warheads small enough to mount on a missile that could threaten the United States. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Photo hack

B.C. man charged for hacking into Carly Rae Jepsen's computer

Vancouver police have charged Christopher David Long, 25, of Abbotsford, B.C., with hacking into pop superstar Carly Rae Jepsen's computer and stealing nude photos of her in March.

Long is charged with fraudulently obtaining telecommunications services, unauthorized use of a computer, mischief to obtain data, identity fraud and possession of stolen property.

Police say he surrendered on Friday at the Abbotsford Court House and has been released with conditions until his next court appearance on Jan. 4 in Abbotsford.

Jepsen's publicist did not immediately respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

The Mission, B.C.-raised singer is currently on tour in Europe and plans to give a free concert in her hometown on Dec. 17.

The five-time platinum artist has been nominated for two Grammys, both for her smash hit single Call Me Maybe, in next year's biggest night in music.

KATE WEBB/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Stolen iPhone's app captures alleged thief

iFoiled. Owner is sent photo and location of thief via email when they attempt to unlock the phone

It's a cool app that may catch a sticky-fingered iPhone thief in Britain.

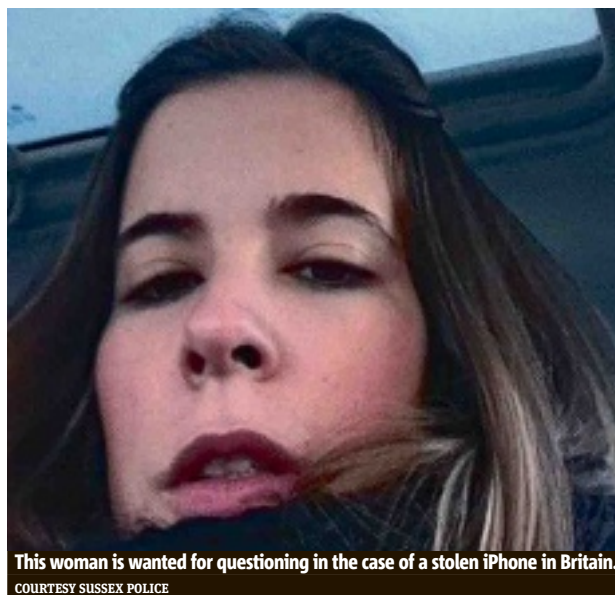
A woman is wanted for questioning after she unwittingly took a picture of herself with a stolen iPhone.

Police in Sussex have released a photo of the woman.

They aren't calling her a culprit yet.

"We don't know that the woman is the person who stole the camera, but she obviously has had some connection with it in the meantime and I'd like to speak to her about it," said Sussex officer Gavin Crute in a news release.

The phone had been stolen



This woman is wanted for questioning in the case of a stolen iPhone in Britain.

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from the Coalition nightclub in Brighton, East Sussex earlier this month.

The photo was taken from a

different location.

The owner had an app installed that takes a picture of anyone trying to unlock the

phone and then sends the information back to them via email.

The app, identified by some media outlets to be iGotYa, is not available from the official Apple store.

The camera is activated when a wrong password is entered on the keypad.

Crute said that not only does the app photograph someone trying to unlock the phone, but it maps their location.

"We know where and when the photo was taken and it appears to be in a vehicle with quite a large sunroof," Crute said.

Apple has a free app called Find my iPhone, which shows a stolen phone's approximate location.

It does not, however, take a picture.

A similar story was told in New York last year, when a Queens woman was robbed while walking along a street.

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Santa filling out underwater wish list

Dressed in a Santa Claus outfit, a diver feeds sardines at the Coex Aquarium in Seoul on Tuesday. Christmas is one of the biggest holidays in South Korea, where over half of the population are Christians. **AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Shock is etched on the faces of people outside a Portland, Ore.-area shopping mall Tuesday after a gunman wearing camouflage and body armour opened fire. BRUCE ELY/THE OREGONIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Shots after shots after shots ...'

Pre-Christmas terror.

Shoppers flee in a frenzy of fear as camouflaged gunman opens fire, killing 2

A gunman wearing camouflage and body armour brought terror to a crowded Christmas shopping mall Tuesday.

Shoppers screamed and cried, grabbed their children and ran for the nearest doors as shot after shot rang out.

Police said three people, including the gunman, were dead.

Sheriff's Lt. James Rhodes said amid the chaos at the Portland, Ore.-area mall that the gunman was "neutralized."

Kira Rowland said she was shopping at Macy's in the Clackamas Town Center when the shots started.

"All of a sudden you hear two shots, which sounded like balloons popping," Rowland said. "Everybody got on the ground. I grabbed the baby from the stroller and got on the ground."

Rowland said she heard people screaming and crying.

"I put the baby back in the stroller and ran like hell," Rowland said. "It was awful. It was shots after shots after shots like a massacre."

Holli Bautista, 28, said she was shopping in Macy's for a Christmas dress.

"I heard people running and screaming and saying 'Get out, there's somebody shooting,'" she said. Hundreds of shoppers and mall

Quoted

"I heard about 20 shots, and everyone hit the ground. That's when we all just ran."

Pam Moore,
Macy's employee

employees started running. Bautista said police officers, firefighters and emergency workers were pouring in.

"There's tons of ambulances lined up," she said.

Macy's employees Pam Moore and Austin Patty said the shooter was short, with dark hair, dressed in camouflage.

He had body armour and a rifle and was wearing a white mask, they said.

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Not worth the risk?

Vancouver DJs ban prank calls

A Vancouver morning show has decided prank calls aren't worth the risk after the tragic fallout from an Aussie radio station's call to the London hospital where Kate Middleton was being treated for extreme morning sickness.

Jack FM 96.9 morning show hosts Tara Jean Stevens and Kiah Tucker put an indefinite moratorium on prank calls after nurse Jacintha Saldanha was found dead, apparently by suicide, days after she was a victim of the prank.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Royal hoax. Could radio station face charges for prank-turned-tragedy?

Could the Australian radio station behind a royal hoax phone call face criminal charges for airing the conversation? The question was being discussed in legal circles Tuesday.

Two DJs from Sydney's 2DayFM who phoned an exclusive London hospital got confidential information about the pregnant Duchess of Cambridge, who was there suffering from severe morning sickness.

A nurse who answered the call died later — leading to wide criticism of DJs Mel

Greig and Michael Christian, who had pretended to be Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles.

The New South Wales state Surveillance Devices Act prohibits the broadcast of recorded private conversations without participants' permission, with violations punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$58,000.

Privacy law expert Barbara McDonald said the Commercial Radio Code of Practice has a similar ban.

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Economic status. Poorest Canadians see few gains in absolute income

Income inequality in Canada has remained steady since 1998 according to the traditional benchmark, but absolute dollar gains by the country's highest earners have far outstripped the gains by those at the bottom, a report by TD Bank said Tuesday.

Even though the poorest saw a slightly larger percentage gain in income, absolute gains — the amount of dollars in a person's pocket — tell a different story, said TD Bank chief economist Craig Alexander.

"Although the traditional benchmark of income inequality isn't showing an increase, the absolute levels of income matter enormously," he said.

After a 20 per cent increase, the after-inflation level of income of those in the bottom 20 per cent increased to only \$15,200 in 2010 from \$12,700 in 1998.

Meanwhile, at the high end of the income scale, the top 20 per cent have seen an 18 per cent increase in income since 1998, but that translates into \$26,700, to bring their income to

Quoted

"Although the traditional benchmark of income inequality isn't showing an increase, the absolute levels of income matter enormously."

TD Bank chief economist Craig Alexander

\$171,900.

"So part of the issue around income inequality is the fact that households at the low end of the income scale have extremely absolute low levels of income, and that's a major challenge," Alexander said.

And, he points out, those in the middle of the range have seen the slowest pace of increases as the downward pressure on jobs and wages in the manufacturing sector has weighed on growth.

Alexander said within the middle group there was likely a range of experiences depending on what sector individuals worked.

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Romney's back-to-work plan for tattoo-removal industry

Dr. William Kirby, right, looks on as a laser is used to remove Eric Hartsburg's Mitt Romney face tattoo, in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Tuesday. Hartsburg, an Indiana-based wrestler and one-time fan of GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney, will undergo about a dozen treatments to remove the campaign logo from his face. NICK UT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada Post. Holiday rush brings onslaught of mail — and griping

By the numbers

96%

Canada Post says it has an on-time delivery rate of 96 to 98 per cent, depending on the time of year and the way an item is delivered.

It's supposed to be a time when festive packages are delivered with care and yuletide greeting cards are opened with glee.

But for some Canada Post customers — and the postal employees who have to deal with their complaints — it's not exactly the happiest time of the year.

As the volume of letters and parcels being delivered by the Crown corporation reaches massive levels over the holidays, so too does the griping.

When Canada Post issued a release on its Facebook page Dec. 3, urging people to check international send-by dates for Christmas packages, there were dozens of not-so-kind responses from people bitterly upset about lost parcels, late deliveries and high postage costs.

Faster technology has made it easier to locate packages,

but has also raised people's expectations of how quickly their goods should arrive, said Canada Post spokeswoman Anick Losier. "Our No. 1 call to the customer service is 'Where's my parcel?' — the day before it's due," she said.

"We're now in a world where we're ordering online and the next thing we do is go track our parcel to see where it's at."

"We call it the 'Generation-I-Want-It-Now.'"

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Online health services

WebMD to cut jobs by 14%

Health-website operator WebMD says it will cut about 14 per cent of its workforce as part of a push to reduce costs. The New

York company says the cuts amount to about 250 positions, and it expects to reduce annual operating expenses by about \$45 million US. WebMD provides health and benefits information to consumers, employers, doctors and health plans.

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Facebook. Hunger Games tops pop-culture mentions in 2012

The Hunger Games, the teen-survival movie based on the Suzanne Collins book of the same name, tops the list of the most talked about pop-culture events by Canadians on Facebook in 2012, the social media network says.

"Most talked about" means mentioned in status updates or posted as a video or story link. The company does not disclose numbers, only rankings.

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Top 5 talked about

- No. 1 Hunger Games film
- No. 2 The Avengers film
- No. 3 TV show The Walking Dead
- No. 4 The Feb. 11 death of Whitney Houston
- No. 5 Mitt Romney

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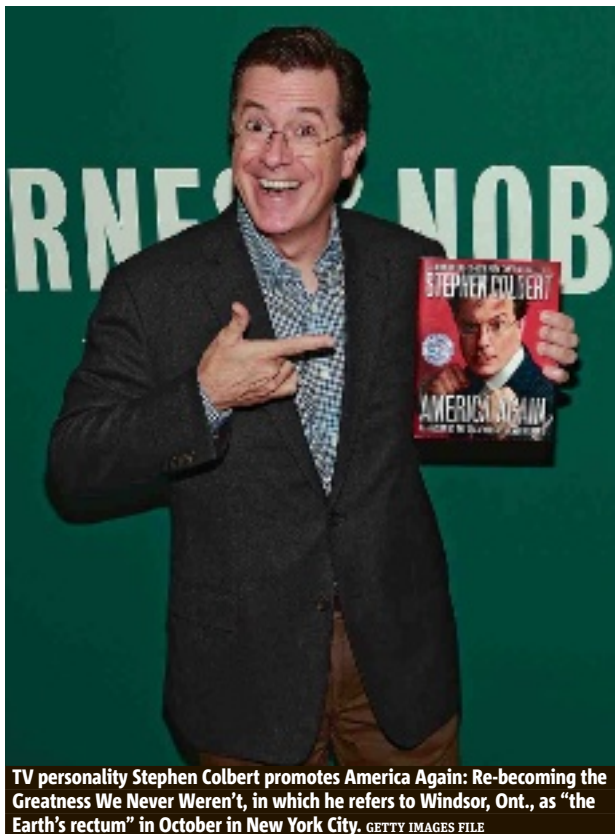
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Windsor BIA steps up campaign to woo Colbert



TV personality Stephen Colbert promotes America Again: Re-becoming the Greatness We Never Weren't, in which he refers to Windsor, Ont., as "the Earth's rectum" in October in New York City. GETTY IMAGES FILE

'Earth's rectum' furor.

With new video, locals make last-ditch attempt at convincing comedian to host holiday parade



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With less than four days to go until its inaugural Santa Claus parade, the Downtown Windsor Business Improvement Association is hoping a new video will convince Stephen Colbert to play host.

Filmed by Marshall Sfalcin and starring BIA chair Larry Horwitz, the video is the latest missive in a campaign that began last month when Colbert responded on his show to the brouhaha over his referencing of Windsor, Ont., as "the Earth's rectum" in his new book America Again: Re-becoming the Greatness We Never Weren't. (He told viewers he could have just as easily been talking about Winnipeg.)

Since then, Horwitz has

Quoted

"We've been given a clean bill of health."

Larry Horwitz, chair of the Downtown Windsor Business Improvement Association, who claims a 'geoproctologist' has examined Windsor and found that the city isn't the Earth's rectum after all.

been trying to get the American comedian to cross the border and serve as the grand marshal of the new holiday parade.

Although filmed "entirely in Windsor," the video tells the tale of Horwitz's journey to New York to deliver a box full of Canadian goodies to Colbert. Along the way, he encounters rude baristas and has a run-in with security at Colbert's Comedy Central studios.

The downtown Santa Claus Parade is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday. To date, Colbert has not responded to the BIA's request.

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JUST SAYIN'
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Is the monkey over yet?

For 15 minutes, the Ikea Monkey was the most famous monkey in the world, the toast of everyone from Warren Kinsella to Anderson Cooper.

There he was last Sunday, larking around a Toronto Ikea parking lot in his cute little shearling coat and diaper, searching for the meatball special, distracting us for one brief monkeyshines moment, from the end of the world (Dec. 21) or the fiscal cliff (Jan. 1). If the Mayans don't get us, the U.S. Congress will.

I mean, come on. How could you resist the combination of a place where you buy räddviken sinks and ektorp sofa beds with a baby monkey named Darwin who brushes his teeth before he goes to bed and wears a Wizard of Oz-winged monkey costume for Halloween?

It was all fun until the authorities stepped in. They confiscated the coat and sent him to Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary in Sunderland, north of Toronto. Arguably the story gets better. Now, Darwin, stripped of his raiment, has to learn to be a real monkey all over again. He'll have to bond with the other monkeys, and he'll have to do it without his 'nuck-'nuck (baby pacifier).

Darwin's owner is distraught. Darwin is, after all, seven months old, and

needs his mommy, even if his mommy has a little trouble telling one primate species from another. Now Darwin has gone to live on the back of some other confused primate. Sanctuary staff are hoping that will be Sweet Pea, a baboon rescued from a roadside zoo.

As you might imagine, Sweet Pea has issues, but she loves to nurture things — kittens, fake fur, naugahyde, so cute little Darwin is just the thing.

The owner is a lawyer, and, naturally, she's considering legal action to get her monkey back. When you're a hammer, everything looks like a nail, but she should be careful what she sues for.

Cute little baby rhesus monkeys grow into cute, 50-centimetre-tall adults that carry diseases and fling their feces. She might want to leave Darwin up in Sunderland, cavorting with the lemurs (cue King Julien doing the morning exercise routine: "I like to move it, move it!")

So that's it for Darwin, although he does leave a Twitter account and Facebook page behind, but he'll have to update his status from "free-ramblin'" to "caged."

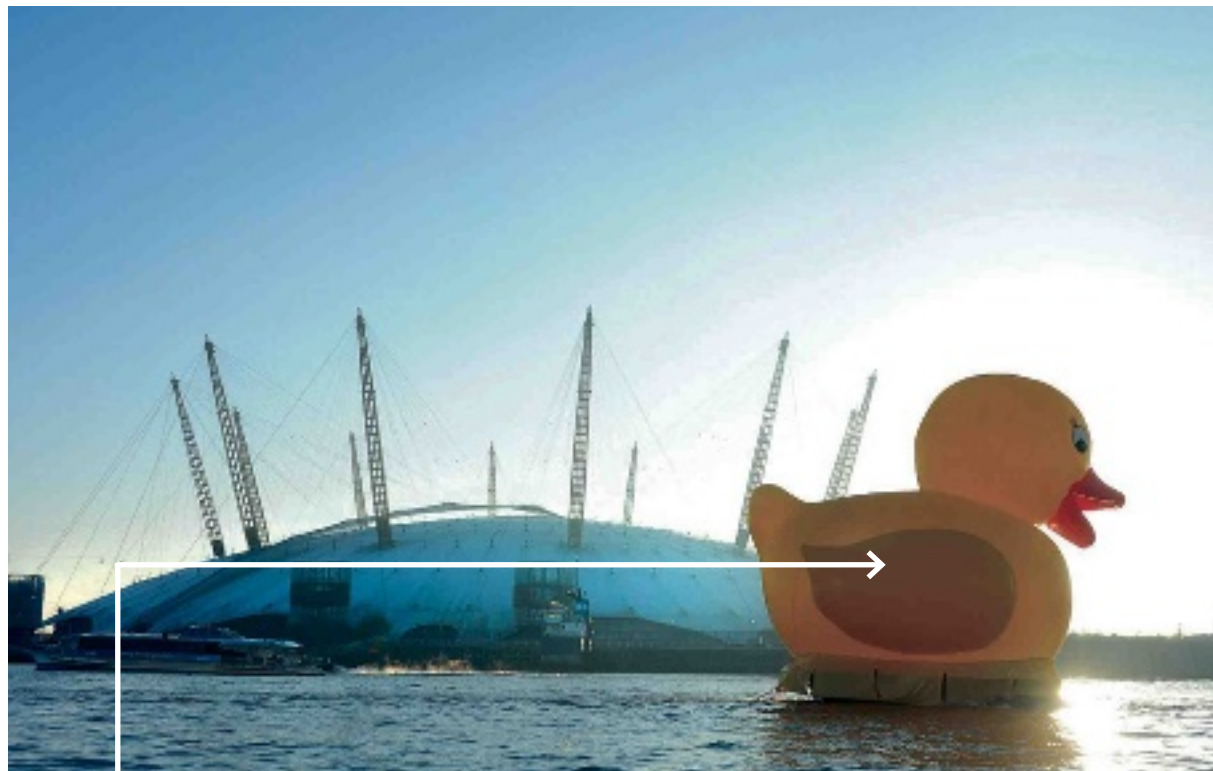
As for the rest of us, we'll find some other Internet meme to distract us. But it will be a long time before that poignant picture of that little guy wandering around the Ikea parking lot looking for the ball room fades from memory.

A long time. At least another 15 minutes.



Darwin will have to adjust to living like a monkey at Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary in Sunderland, Ont. NIAMH SCALLAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rubber ducky, you're the big one



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Duck tales

Massive duck sails through London

Londoners were treated to an unusual spectacle Tuesday as a giant 15-metre rubber duck floated down

the River Thames.

The oversized bath toy got special treatment as the iconic Tower Bridge opened to allow it to sail through. The gigantic bird was launched on Tuesday as a \$400,000 bursary to encourage Brits to have more fun. **METRO**



According to research commissioned by the FUNdation, British adults laugh 7.2 times a day on average, but psychologists say we should laugh 15 times a day for optimal health and happiness.

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Rubber ducks in the past

Bath toys outline ocean currents

In 1992, a container with 29,000 plastic bath toys fell off a cargo ship in the Pacific Ocean and broke open. The rubber ducks eventually washed up on shores in Japan, Hawaii and North America.

By studying the ocean currents, oceanographer Curtis Ebbesmeyer correctly predicted their trip via the Northwest Passage to Great Britain. **METRO**

Quoted

"We now want people to send us their own entries of wacky things they'd like to do, and we'll provide funding for the best ones."

Barbara Windsor, actress and patron of Jackpotjoy.com's new Facebook FUNdation bursary



Twitter

@itsdarelyn_

Sometimes we don't realize how important something is, until it's gone.

ful." Proverbs 28:13

@claudialuc29:

I bet you are jealous that I am having toast with butter, and cereal with milk for dinner. I eat like a queen.

@KaylaaGunn:

Finally going to meet my ex boss and get all the money he owes me! Hoping the cheques won't bounce.

@MichaelBroeders:

Not everyday we see someone from #Ottawa on The #Pricels-Right - too bad he didn't win the car #ottcity

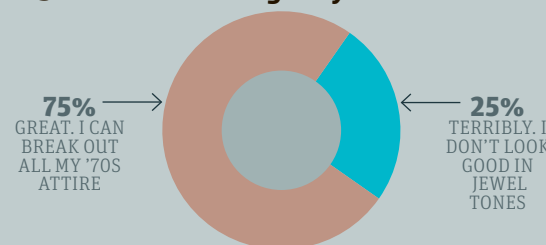
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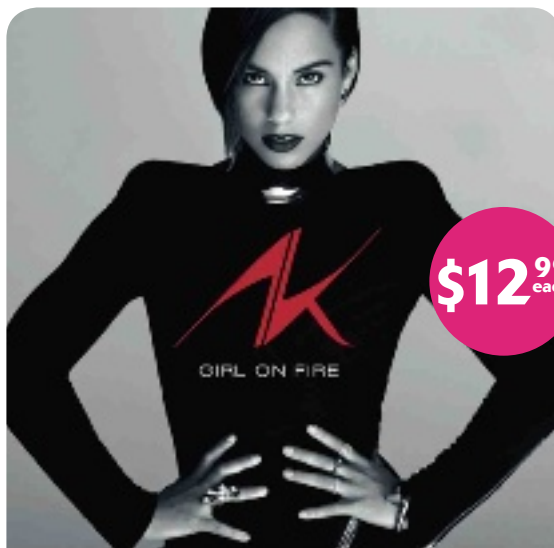
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Never too late for a series spinoff

Television. Some of the best shows of our generation could still stand the test of time if they were converted into a new series

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Time has a way of stoking retro fever and nostalgia mining has a deep drill bit. It used to be conventional wisdom that you had a limited window to spinoff a TV show and breathe new life into departing characters before their cache cooled.

Frasier's 11 season run got started the same year Cheers stopped serving drinks and Buffy's vampire boy-toy Angel staked a claim on his own show while the slayer was



Boy Meets World could meet Girl Meets World in a revisiting of the once-popular series. HANDOUT

still only halfway through stabbing Sunnydale's undead population.

The 1990s coming-of-age comedy Boy Meets World has

been off the air for a dozen years, but it looks like this TV graveyard corpse is about to get reanimated with original stars Ben Savage and Danielle

Fishel on board.

Girl Meets World will revisit Cory and Topanga in the present day where they now have a 13-year-old daughter.

This development leaves us wondering; what other long-ago put-to-pasture series are ready to wake up and smell the future?

Steering Urkel back to fame

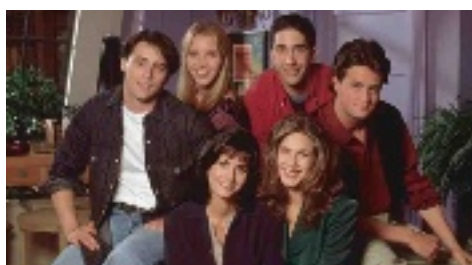
With Big Bang Theory garnering stratospheric ratings, it's clear there's more room for geeks in primetime. Fashion finally caught up with Steve Urkel's once gauche cardigans and plaid button downs that used to set him apart from the crowd.

The former TGIF mainstay is decidedly hipster in modern times, and adulthood has ironed out his voice's squeakiness so he doesn't even need his nerd-suppressing alter ego Stefan to make the ladies swoon.

The Pilot: Hired as the CEO of Virgin Galactic, Urkel struggles to keep one foot on the ground in Chicago where he



and Laura are raising a brood of wily little Urkelos and the other in orbit catering to the whims of wealthy space tourists. Good thing his father-in-law Carl Winslow is still around to steer him in the right direction.



Friend to an Acquaintance

Watching present day Monica, Chandler and company reunite at Central Perk and yuk it up would be interesting television for about five minutes. Rather than dwell on past relationships already fleshed out over the course of 200-plus episodes, Acquaintances breaks new ground by focusing on the still loosely intertwined lives of the core cast of Friends. The hitch

is they play caricatures of their slightly past-their-prime real-life selves a la Matt LeBlanc on Episodes.

The Pilot: Courtney Cox begs Jennifer Aniston to appear on Cougar Town, which in the show's universe has switched networks once again and is hanging on by a thread. Jen relents, but not before making Courtney alpha-betize her stack of Sexiest Woman Alive magazine appearances and polish her Golden Globe.

The XY Files

Flirty David Duchovny is much more palatable than spooky Duchovny. Besides, the Californication star is way more believable unzipping little black dresses and puffing post coitus cigs than chasing little grey men and attempting to see the truth behind smoking man's kabuki theatre.

The Pilot: A mysterious pandemic has winnowed the world's male population down to just 10 per

cent, leaving virile men in high demand. Working in conjunction with the Center for Disease Control who discovered the virus was man-made, the FBI responds by opening the XY Files, a new task force intent on apprehending the culprits. Groaning sci-fi fans will be placated by the presence of Gillian Anderson's shrewd disapproving gaze as well as fanboy jaw droppers Katee Sackoff and Summer Glau thrown in.



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The Hobbit opens in theatres everywhere this weekend. HANDOUT

Before a prequel was a silver screen prequel

Hollywood. Filling in the backstory isn't something unique to movies, but it has been fully adopted by today's film industry



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It would be tempting to think the words sequel and prequel are the creation of Hollywood marketers looking for new ways to describe old ideas. But the notion of a prequel, a movie that provides the backstory of an existing story, like this weekend's *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, is not a Tinsel Town contrivance.

The first prequel appeared in the late 7th century BCE. The *Cypria*, an epic of ancient Greek literature, is the story of the origins of the Trojan War and serves as an introduction to the *Iliad* even though it was written after the Homer epic was already in print.

The word prequel first appeared in 1958 in an article

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in *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction* but didn't catch on until it was used to describe *Butch and Sundance: The Early Days* in 1979.

The *Star Wars* New Hope trilogy are the most famous movie prequels, but Hollywood has been looking back to extend the lives of their franchises for decades.

The 1966 Clint Eastwood spaghetti western *The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly*, the final film of the *Man With No Name* trilogy, is a prequel to *A Fistful of Dollars* and *For A Few Dollars More*.

It wasn't billed as such, but by the time Eastwood assembles his iconic poncho outfit (which he wore in all three movies without replacement or cleaning) it's obvious we are at the beginning of his journey, not the end.

The title of another movie was more obvious about its origins.

The *Texas Chainsaw Mas-*

sacre: *The Beginning* is the story of the roots of Leatherface, the human-skin-mask-wearing baddie of the original film. There's all the cannibalism and murder you expect from a *Texas Chainsaw* movie, but the grisly birth scene kicks it up to another level.

Escape from the Planet of the Apes, the third of five films in the original Apes series, came after the Earth was destroyed by a nuclear blast in the second movie. To keep the franchise alive, a story was created that saw apes travelling back in time which sounds forced but *Variety* called it "an excellent film, almost as good as the original Planet of the Apes."

The *Godfather Part II* manages to be both a prequel and a sequel at the same time. Flipping between the past and present, it's a powerful story of one family's descent into corruption.

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Pamela Anderson in deep over taxes

Pamela Anderson is in hot water with the IRS. Two tax liens were recently filed against the former Baywatch star totaling more than \$370,000, according to TMZ.

The IRS claims Anderson owes just over \$250,000, with the rest coming from a filing by the state of California. Still, the total is something of an improvement for Anderson, who was added to California's list of the top 250 debtors in



Pamela Anderson

2010, when she reportedly owed more than \$493,000.

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Dear PA who rang the gate with a script at 3 AM...notice mailbox to the left of driveway...NOTICE the actress with a Glock in upstairs window



@NialOfficial

Sittin at home! Bored t death!



@Mruff221

I got a text from Joss Whedon the other day. Sounds like he is writing some very interesting stuff for Banner and his alter ego The Hulk.



@AlbertBrooks

By not tweeting I have gained substantially more followers.



Harry Styles

One Direction isn't too keen on Swift's private jet

Taylor Swift's fledgling romance with Harry Styles appears to already be causing strife among his One Direction bandmates. So what's got them all worked up? Travel arrangements, it turns out. After the band's stay in New York, Styles reportedly headed back to England with Swift on her private jet while the rest of the band travelled separately, according to E! News. "The

rest of the band were a bit annoyed about the whole thing," a source says. "They took a Virgin commercial flight and there were tons of spare seats on the jet. They were a bit miffed that Harry chose to go with her instead of them. They had just finished a huge concert in New York and all of them were on a high. The fact that he left them to travel solo irritated them a bit."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



A look back: Celebrity engagements of 2012



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Despite the fact that every single person in Hollywood gets divorced, these true-believers decided to throw caution to the wind and become betrothed. We look at the big ones:

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

The deets: Pitt proposed to Jolie, his longtime girlfriend with whom he has six children, in April with a \$500,000, 16-carat rock. "It seems to mean more and more to our kids," he says about finally tying the knot, to *Us Weekly*.
Wedding date: Ha. Like they'd tell us.

Justin Theroux and Jennifer Aniston

The deets: The two actors, who met on the set of *Wanderlust*, got engaged in New York City on Aug. 10. Theroux proposed with an eight-carat ring, worth an estimated \$500,000.
Wedding date: Again, we'll never know until they sell their photos to the magazine of their choice.

Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus

The deets: They might be young (he's 22, she's 20) but that doesn't mean they won't

last forever (actually, yes, yes it does). The *Hunger Games* actor proposed to Cyrus in May, three years after they started dating, with a 3.5-carat diamond ring.
Wedding date: Eh, you REALLY think this one is going to happen?

Hilaria Thomas and Alec Baldwin

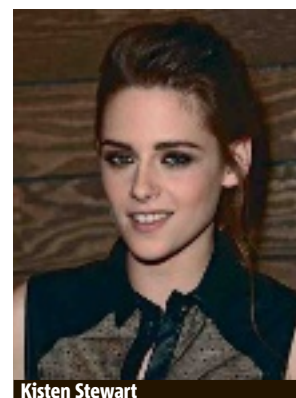
The deets: The two love birds got engaged in April, less than a year after they first met.
Wedding date: It actually already happened (Baldwin moves fast). The two were wed in June in New York City.

Avril Lavigne and Chad Kroeger

The deets: The two got engaged in August, surprising a lot of fans (and gossip columnists) who didn't even know they were dating. "Things just clicked real quick," Kroeger, the lead singer of Nickelback, told a radio station about Lavigne.
Wedding date: I'm kind of getting the vibe they'll skip the wedding and just go straight to procreating Canadian royalty.

Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell

The deets: The two got engaged in January. They met while starring in a Green Day music video; they broke up when she moved on with Marilyn Manson and reconnected when her engagement to the goth rocker ended.
Wedding date: Already happened! They were married on Halloween in California. "It was a small ceremony with close family and friends," said her rep in a statement.



Kristen Stewart

Stewart is cool with getting naked, OK?

Kristen Stewart is sick and tired of all the attention her nude scenes in *On the Road* are getting. "I do hate also when people go, 'Oh wow, great performance. So brave,'" she tells the *Huffington Post*. "Because I'm naked? That's annoying. But at the same time, if that's what they're focusing on, then *On the Road* probably isn't for them anyway." Stewart is a diehard fan of the Jack Kerouac novel on which the film is based, which meant she had no hesitation about doing the more revealing scenes. "This book celebrates being alive and it celebrates being human, and if you want to cover up and deny any aspect of that, you are denying the spirit of the book."

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It's coming to Canada, and it's staying here too. Cheers could be heard in households throughout the country when it was announced that The Amazing Race Canada would follow Canadians traipsing the true north strong and free while competing in challenges. Debuting next summer, producers promise the show will be a love letter to Canada, but haven't revealed which areas of the country will be featured. Here are five worthy location suggestions, along with challenge ideas too.

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Canoeing the South Nahanni River

Breathtaking mountain ranges, falls twice the height of Niagara, hot springs and gorgeous flora and fauna can all be viewed along the Nahanni in the North West Territories. Contestants would be challenged with trying to stay afloat through rapids as they navigate the river's four canyons.

Mountain Biking in Whistler

Skiers and snowboarders flock to the snow-capped mountains of British Columbia in the winter months, but during the summer, it's all about biking. With courses that feature sharp turns, rugged terrain and stomach-in-your-throat drops, it's not for the faint of heart. The team who makes it to the bottom of the course first in one piece wins.



5 spots the Canadian Amazing Race should hit

Driving the Cabot Trail

Arguably the country's most scenic drive and popular among domestic and international tourists, the highway features stunning vistas and wildlife as it weaves throughout Eastern Canada. Contestants would have to work a shift at one of the bed and breakfasts along the route, catering to fellow tourists. The team that gets the highest marks for service wins the challenge.

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Scavenger Hunt through Kensington Market

A multicultural and national historic site in Toronto, even the odd-est item on a shopping list can be found among the eclectic shops and market merchants. To prove the point, contestants would be given an obscure list of food and clothing items to buy and the first team to get all of them would win.



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Survivor in the Thousand Islands

A picturesque destination for vacationers wanting to get away from it all, the thousand islands is known for its picture-frame worthy sunsets. Contestants would be tasked with navigating small sailboats along the Saint Lawrence River until they find an uninhabited island. The first group to start a small fire wins.



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New Fantasyland makes dreams come true

Disney. Fans of Florida's park have a new section to explore with the site's largest expansion in its history

Derrick Weitlich and his friend Leslie Martinez arrived at the Magic Kingdom at 5:40 a.m. last Thursday, wanting to be among the first to visit the park's New Fantasyland.

Getting up early was worth it, said these Melbourne, Fla., Disney fans, who estimated that they have visited the park some 180 times.

"I love Beauty and the Beast," said Martinez, while standing in front of the new Gaston's Tavern restaurant. "And I'm very picky when it comes to details about Beauty and the Beast."

Martinez and Weitlich weren't disappointed. From the antlers lining the walls in the tavern to the animatronic Ariel in the Under the Sea-Journey of the Little Mermaid ride, they were impressed with the New Fantasyland.

It's the largest expansion project in the park's 41-year history. The new spaces are built on what was once the site of the 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea experience, and the expansion doubles the size of the original Fantasyland.

The central Florida theme park near Orlando is blending classic Disney characters (like Dumbo, the flying elephant) and newer, popular hits (like The Little Mermaid) with the multi-million dollar expansion.

"It's really about immersing people in a number of stories, characters and music that they love," said Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Chairman Tom Staggs.

New Fantasyland sits just past Cinderella Castle, with two sections: Enchanted Forest, where visitors will find Belle from Beauty and the Beast and Ariel from The Little Mermaid, and Storybook Circus, which is inspired by the Disney film Dumbo.

Among the highlights: A ride called Under the Sea — Journey of the Little Mermaid, which tells Ariel's story, and Enchanted Tales With Belle, a walk-through experience that features

Tradition lives on

For Disney traditionalists, never fear. Many of the park's longstanding beloved attractions like Cinderella Castle, and rides based on It's a Small World and The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, remain open.

a magical mirror and costumed characters.

Staggs said that the expansion allows families to "be a little more relaxed" while in the park, calling the spaces "more enjoyable."

Thursday's grand opening happened twice: Once for media and bloggers in front of Gaston's Tavern and then again on the steps of Cinderella Castle, with cheering park visitors. Staggs was joined by actress Ginnifer Goodwin, singer Jordin Sparks and, of course, Mickey Mouse. Sparks sang a medley of songs from Disney movies.

Two of the New Fantasyland's highlights have yet to open. A ride called Seven Dwarfs Mine Train is still under construction, as is Prin-



Gaston's Tavern, part of the New Fantasyland, is inspired by Beauty and the Beast. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

cess Fairytale Hall — where guests can go to meet all of their favourite Disney princesses at once.

Disney officials said the princess experience will open next year and the ride

is expected to open in 2014.

Be Our Guest Restaurant is new, and offers a different Disney concept. Folks who eat lunch will be served at the counter, while dinner guests will be served tableside. It

will also serve wine and beer with dinner, which is the first time alcohol is being sold at the Magic Kingdom. The meals at Be Our Guest are French-themed.

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Drink of the Week

Uchuva Cocktail

- 150 grams whole uchuva (cape gooseberries)
- 150 ml water
- 150 g sugar
- 360 ml gin
- 540 ml sparkling wine, cold
- 18 uchivas, for muddling
- 24 mint leaves, for muddling
- 220 grams of ice
- Mint sprigs, for garnish

To make syrup, combine sugar and water in saucepan and cook over medium heat until sugar completely dissolves. Cool syrup in freezer. Combine uchivas and syrup in blender and process on high 1 min. Pass mix through fine mesh strainer and discard solids. In pitcher, combine 180 ml of uchuva syrup, mint leaves and 18 uchivas and muddle, 2 mins. Strain syrup and discard mint and uchuva pulp. Add gin and ice to syrup and stir 1 min. to chill; strain out ice. To serve, add sparkling wine, stir and divide the cocktail into 6 champagne flutes. Decorate each flute with a mint sprig.

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A very Colombian Christmas

Although many Canadian families have classic traditions for this time of year, it can be fun to spice things up with recipes from international hot spots.

Known for its historical urban centres, stunning beaches and Spanish night-life, Colombia also has a lot to offer — even in the kitchen.

The country boasts scrumptious yuletide dishes that even the most amateur chef can prepare to impress guests by turning a typical holiday party

Ingredients

- 150 g uchuva (cape gooseberry), chopped
 - 50 g pistachio, finely chopped
 - 15 g cilantro, finely chopped
 - 50 g shallot, finely chopped
 - 50 ml extra virgin olive oil
- For the pork:**
- Pork tenderloin, cleaned
 - Salt and black pepper
 - 30 ml sunflower or grape seed oil
 - 60 g butter
 - 100 g uchuva, sliced
 - 12 g thyme
 - 8 garlic cloves
 - 12 uchivas, thinly sliced for garnish

Pork Tenderloin and Uchuva Pesto



Wow your guests with the use of uchuva (gooseberry) in this main dish. PROEXPORT COLOMBIA.

into the ultimate fiesta. One of them is this Pork Tenderloin and Uchuva Pesto.

The “cape gooseberry,” commonly known in Colombia as uchuva, can be found in local grocery stores.

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F (205 C).

2. In bowl, combine the first five ingredients to prepare the

uchuva pesto and set aside.

3. Slice the pork tenderloin into 6 portions and season with salt and black pepper.

4. Heat a heavy oven-proof skillet on high heat for 2 minutes and add half of the oil. Sear 3 portions of tenderloin and cook until brown on one side. Turn to sear the other side and add half of the sliced uchivas,

butter, thyme and garlic and allow the butter to melt completely in the pan.

5. Lower the heat to low. Tilt the pan forward, cover the tenderloins with the butter-uchuva mixture for 2 minutes. Place on a plate, clean skillet and repeat cooking procedure for the other portions of meat.

6. Place the first three portions

back on the skillet and place in the oven. Cook for approximately 10 to 12 minutes. Remove the skillet from the oven and place the tenderloins on a rack to cool for 10 minutes.

7. Place the pork slices on a serving platter. Cover generously with the uchuva pesto and garnish with thinly sliced uchuva.

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This isn't your grandma's Fruit Cake

This Exotic Fruit Cake from Colombia isn't your average holiday treat. It will satisfy even the harshest fruit cake critic.

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F (177 C).

2. In a medium bowl, beat the eggs with the milk.

3. In a stand mixer, mix the flour, sugar, salt and baking powder on low speed.

4. Add the butter to the flour mixture little by little. When the butter is incorporated, add the egg mixture slowly. Stop the machine and scrape

Ingredients

- 3 eggs, room temperature
- 45 ml whole milk, room temperature
- 150 g cake flour
- 150 g white sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 185 g butter, room temperature
- 1 1/2 cup exotic dried fruits (gooseberry, dragon fruit, mango, pineapple, guava, etc.)



Your guests will be pleasantly surprised when they bite into this Exotic Fruit Cake. PROEXPORT COLOMBIA

down the sides of the bowl. Beat the cake batter on high speed for 2 minutes.

5. Add the exotic dried fruit and stir with a spatula to combine.

6. Place batter in baking molds. For individual portions use muffin tins with paper cupcake liners. A greased bread mold may also be used. When using muffin tins, fill each only half way.

7. Bake the fruit cakes for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the middle

of the cakes comes out clean and dry.

8. Let the cakes rest for 10 minutes and then remove them from the mold. Serve warm. PROEXPORT COLOMBIA

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Michael Bennett is an occasional gift card giver.

"I sometimes give them as thank you gifts or stocking stuffers," says the Guelph, Ont., man. "They're convenient and easy to give. The downside of them is they're easy to rely on them rather than discovering what someone likes and choosing a gift they would appreciate."

What is it about gift cards that we love so much? Is it the fact that we can buy them virtually anywhere? At a variety of price points in a variety of outlets?

"People generally know what type of store their friends or kids like to shop at," says Frances Ho, founder of Canadian site cardswap.ca. "However, they don't know specifically what sweater they prefer or the right pair of jeans. People are very particular about those things. It's just easier to give a card to a store they know

they're going to enjoy."

While Ho believes it's more socially acceptable to give gift cards, she does believe it makes a difference in how you present it as a gift.

"If you combine a gift card with a really nice written message in the card, or wrapping it in a big box, it's really the effort that counts. Then it still has a warmth to it," she says.

They are also a nice way to give something to a gift that's too pricey.

"That's another benefit — if they're saving up for a larger item and the person can't afford to give you the large item, but they can give you a gift card towards," Ho says.

Gift cards do have their drawbacks, of course. Some come with expiry dates for example.

"And a lot of people tend to spend

more money when they spend their gift cards because they treat it like it's free cash. And then they end up spending more than they actually budgeted for," Ho says.

However, you can make your gift card dollar stretch by watching for sales or deals — buy a gift card and pick up a gift for yourself for free, for example. Or re-gift a card that's not a fit for you or take it to a site such as cardswap.ca where you can trade your card in for points or cash.

"We see a variety of gift cards come in and whenever we post things on the site, they're gone within 24 hours because someone else wants that card," Ho says.

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BOSS: Buying presents for your boss can be awkward. Choose a meaningful gift instead of something fancy or expensive. Fun gifts like a framed photo from a work event or a batch of gourmet cookies to share are a good start.



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NEW PERSON: This one is tougher. Keep an eye on what the new person likes to eat. If they come into the office every day with a large coffee, put together a nice mug, a coffee shop gift certificate and some chocolate-covered espresso beans for the ultimate gift.

INTERN: Usually, "intern" is a code word

for "underpaid." Skip the gag gifts and get your intern something useful like movie passes.

RECEPTIONIST: If there is one thing a receptionist has enough of, it's office supplies. Skip the stationery and treat them to a deluxe gift basket, a gift certificate to the local salon for a manicure/pedicure

combo, or a good book.

IT/HELP DESK: Treat the people who fix your computer well. Something like a gift certificate to their favourite restaurant will work. If you want to be a bit more creative, observe what they decorate their desk with and get them something that fits in. — *News Canada*

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"When you give a Walmart gift card, you're giving the gift of great prices and choices," says Felicia Fefer, Walmart Canada's manager of corporate affairs.

The beauty of giving a Walmart gift card is the person receiving it can choose to use it for whatever they want the most, from fashion and electronics to food and housewares.

There are more than 30 holiday gift card designs, ranging from contemporary (gold, white and purple snowflakes on a purple background) to traditional (holiday bells) and whimsical



(cartoon of Santa and friends on a sleigh).

The collection also features cards with specialty finishes, including lenticular cards (where you hold the card still and see one design, then tilt it to view a second design) and scratch 'n' sniff cards (gingerbread is an appropriate scent at this time of year).

There are even cards for pet lovers, with cute images of cats and dogs decked out in holiday accessories.



The gift cards have matching tin carriers that retail for \$2.47 each, so no wrapping is necessary. The tins have colourful contemporary Christmas designs that include a red-nosed reindeer pulling a sleigh, Santa with his sack of toys, a pile of gifts under a tree, and blue snowflakes on a white background.

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best part? There are no expiry dates.

The holiday-themed cards will be for sale right up until the stores close on Christmas Eve — ideal for last-minute shoppers who still have no idea what to get some of the people on their gift list.

"Walmart gift cards are popular all year long, but especially during the holidays," Fefer says.

"They're the perfect present for those who are hard to shop for or who have everything."

— Jane Doucet

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As the holidays draw ever closer, Ottawa's premier shopping destination takes on new levels of hustle, bustle and excitement. Rideau Centre is primed and primped for the holidays, says general manager Cindy VanBuskirk.

"Our décor is up, Santa Claus is here, most stores are running special promotions and the whole atmosphere is charged with anticipation," she says. "Once you walk in the door, you can really feel the spirit of giving that makes this time of year so wonderful and magical."

To help shoppers celebrate the spirit of the season, Rideau Centre is offering several opportunities for charitable giving. Proceeds from the gift-wrapping service, for instance, will support the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. This service is available through Dec. 24 at Holiday Headquarters, on the third level across from The Body Shop. Photos with Santa (second level, Eaton Court) are also available with a minimum donation of \$5.

For nearly three decades, Rideau Centre has hosted the top names in fashion, beauty, accessories, electronics, entertainment and more. While it is the region's largest shopping centre — with more than 150 stores — Rideau Centre is also a major hub of social activity due to its prime

location. Set prominently in the heart of Ottawa, steps from such historic venues as Parliament Hill, the Rideau Canal and the ByWard Market, Rideau Centre is a popular destination for people from across the region and around the world. It houses an official Ottawa Tourism Information Centre and regularly hosts fashion shows and other special events.

To ensure that customers get the service they deserve, Rideau Centre maintains a number of amenities, including stroller and wheelchair loans, coat and parcel check, family washrooms, a nursing room, parking for 1,400 vehicles and round-the-clock security. In December, though, a swirl of smiling faces transforms the Rideau Centre into a warm, thriving hall of holiday cheer.

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Decking the office halls without destroying your workplace reputation

'Tis the season to act responsibly. Use holiday party time to your professional advantage

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In this season of merriment and good cheer, it's easy to forget that you have to remain professional at your office holiday party.

I've seen my fair share of holiday party disasters, and while some blunders can be laughed off the next day, some can ruin your career and reputation.

On the flip side, holiday parties can be a chance to enhance your career. You will likely get the chance to socialize with people in other departments that you don't regularly encounter during your workday. If you're lucky, you may even get face time with company executives.

You won't be able to take advantage of these networking opportunities if you're dancing on a speaker, and you don't want to find yourself the subject of water cooler gossip the following week. Above all, enjoy yourself responsibly and make an effort to strengthen relationships with your colleagues.

In the hopes of saving you from a painful fall from grace, I would like to share a list of holiday office party don'ts:

Don't down a bottle of Grey Goose

This rule is really the foundation of all others, but for some, it's quite hard to follow. The alcohol is usually



Have a ball at the holiday bash, but don't do anything you'll regret when you drag yourself back to your desk come morning. iStock

flowing at these events and everyone is having a great time. It's easy to get caught up in the fun, but there is a fine line between enjoying yourself and passing out face-down in your chicken tetrazzini.

If you're going to drink, make sure you do it in moderation and plan to take public transit or a taxi home.

Don't seduce your co-workers

If you've failed to follow the first rule and find yourself

Say no to the smooch

"A staggering number of hookups happen at work-related events ... So please, stay away from the mistletoe."

Ashley Trahan
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a little too tipsy, you must, under no circumstances, wind up in a compromising situation with a co-worker.

A staggering number of

hookups happen at work-related events, and this can affect your job as well as your personal life. So please, stay away from the mistletoe.

Don't insult your co-workers

During the holidays, some individuals feel the need to express their true feelings about their co-workers, positive or otherwise. The holiday party is the worst possible place to share your grievances with a colleague, or more dangerously, declare to your boss, "I could do your

job with my eyes closed!"

Don't take any of your clothes off

Someone once took me as a date to their company holiday party. Everyone was having a grand old time until one of the employees sprinted through the party completely naked. The streaker, as it turns out, had just put in his two weeks' notice and thought it would be a memorable farewell gift.

You can imagine the reference he would get from the

Speak out

@TalentEgg:
#QuestionoftheDay: How do you make sure you have fun at holiday parties — while staying professional?

- @yvonne_l: Keep the alcohol at a minimum! Nothing worse than being intoxicated and having to face coworkers the next day! #QuestionoftheDay

human resources manager at this company. And therein lies an important lesson: You may not get fired immediately for an act of youthful defiance or idiocy, but people have long memories for such incidents. This festive streaking episode of 2008 might come up in a reference somewhere down the road, and it certainly doesn't inspire confidence in his professionalism.

Don't discuss any topics of critical importance to your career

This is particularly important if you've bungled any of the above rules. If you've been wandering about in your boxers, it's best that you don't saddle up next to your boss at the bar and ask for a raise. When the booze is flowing, people will sometimes inexplicably bring up issues which are related to a promotion, raise or bonus. Save it for a more appropriate forum once you're back in the office on Monday.

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Employers everywhere are preparing for the holiday rush and they need all the help they can get.

As a student, seasonal employment can be a great opportunity to try your hand at a position you may have never otherwise considered. Anaar Merali, division director of permanent placements at staffing firm Robert Half International shared her perspective on the benefits of seasonal employment:

Get the job

To land a seasonal job, it's important that the employer knows you're available immediately and flexible. Make it known that you are open to various types of positions.

"Be open and eager but

not desperate," says Merali.

Keep an open mind

Working a seasonal job is the perfect opportunity to try working in a different industry and expand your professional network. Seasonal jobs are a fantastic way to get your foot in the door at a company where openings are less frequent.

For a recent grad in that transitional period, seasonal employment is a way to make some extra income instead of waiting around for permanent employment. And for students, it is an excellent way to make some much needed extra money during the holidays.

At the very least, you will have new and diverse experience to add your résumé. But what's more is these opportunities can often lead to permanent work. According to Merali, this happens quite frequently: "When people do such a good job, they often leave a huge impact."

Make the most of the opportunity

If your aim is to turn a seasonal job into full-time em-



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ployment, the best thing you can do is leave an impression. Always be very professional and build relationships with everyone — managers, supervisors, the entire staff. Approach all of your tasks as if your decisions will have a

long-term impact. Don't get stuck in the mindset that the job is just temporary, otherwise you will ensure that it is. Be committed and engaged.

"Be sure to showcase your skills," says Merali. If you are a seamless fit for the

position, the company will have no choice but to keep you around. Demonstrate that you would be an asset to the company as a whole and that your skills are transferable between departments. Look at it and as an extended

Reprint that resumé!

Jobs are everywhere

Seasonal opportunities go beyond just retail. There are several firms in the financial sector that will take on extra help during their busy seasons. Accounting firms, for example, will often hire seasonal employees during tax season. If you do your research and ask around, you will find that these jobs are anywhere and everywhere. Take advantage of busy seasons — the end of the quarter or the year means more potential jobs.

interview. If you are fortunate enough to have this chance, challenge yourself to think big.

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What's your school-to-work transition story?

While pursuing my undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto, I studied political science with an emphasis on human rights and international development. This past summer I was finishing up my final credit and was searching for the perfect summer job that would hopefully lead me into a career field directly related to these interests.

I was aware that a company called Public Outreach fundraised for developmental and human rights organizations and I had always been intrigued by the fundraisers that I had seen, but didn't picture myself taking on such a role.

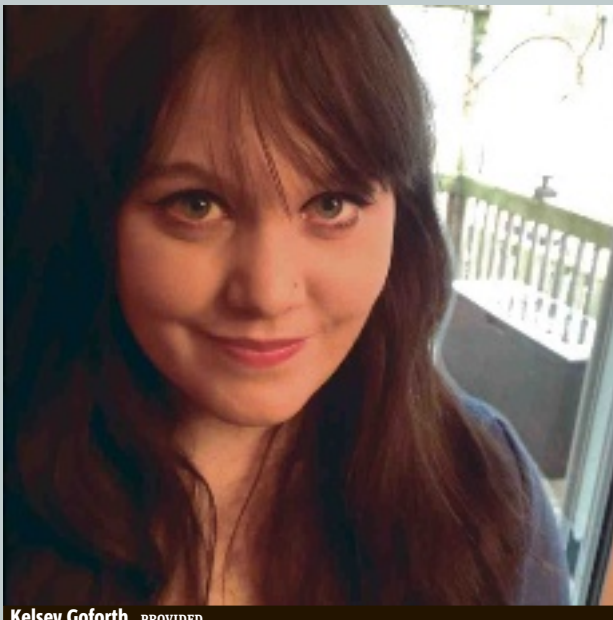
However, on the advice of a friend, I applied. The role definitely surprised me. I had no idea how much I would be

learning about various not-for-profit charities and how many amazing conversations I would have with donors. One highlight is when I met a woman from Zimbabwe who actually received aid from one of the charities I was fundraising for.

The position turned into far more than a summer job when roles in the recruitment department opened up. I began applying and eventually, in August, I took on the role of U.S. Recruiter, where I was responsible for recruitment in Boston, Chicago, New York City and Minneapolis. I was able to transition quite quickly to my new role, going from fundraiser to recruiter in three short months. Being able to learn about the inner-workings of a whole new department has given me the opportunity to better understand and appreciate all that the company does.

What am I doing now?

I am currently in my fourth month as a Public Outreach Recruiter. In addition to my U.S. recruitment duties, I also contribute blog posts to our staff website. Outside of work, I like to pursue other interests that not only appeal to me



Kelsey Goforth. PROVIDED

but also give me an additional skill set to include on resumé and applications. I write articles for TalentEgg and, additionally, I am beginning French courses in January in order to receive a certificate in french proficiency. Although I currently have a job, I do not want to prevent myself from continuing to learn more and develop my skills.

My recommendations for employers, career centres and schools

When it comes to campus career centres and their related programs, it is important to be well-advertised and easily accessible. Students are busy with classes and extra-curriculars, so having flexible hours is imperative. Secondly, many programs at schools

aren't given the exposure they deserve. Often students are bombarded with information in their first year, however by the time fourth year rolls around and the job search becomes more intense, these programs are long forgotten about. When students approach their final years of education, universities and colleges should remind them that there is plenty of guidance and resources available.

My advice for students and recent graduates

• Get involved: As a student, it is important to think beyond essays and exams, and also take the time to get involved in your community. I personally found extra-curricular activities and volunteering to be extremely beneficial — both when it came to developing new skills as well as seeking employment.

• The importance of networking: The job market is competitive. Learning to write an impressive resumé is a great skill, however a piece of paper can only go so far. For me, networking has been the most effective means of both connecting with people with similar interests and landing

new jobs.

• Don't underestimate your skills: Take a chance when it comes to your job applications. Often students and recent graduates feel either under- or over-qualified for certain positions.

• Don't underestimate the experiences you have: Although you may be a recent graduate, your education, community involvement and past jobs all culminate to make you an excellent applicant. When applying for jobs you feel under-qualified for, keep in mind that the worst that can happen is being rejected.

• Don't overlook great opportunities: If I thought that being one of "those people on the street with the binders" was somehow beneath me, I wouldn't have been given the opportunity to work within the recruitment department. To grow with a company, it is important to start small and work your way up. It is only logical. You must learn the very basics if you want to eventually build on that and take on a more advanced role. **TALENTEGG.CA, CANADA'S LEADING JOB SITE AND ONLINE CAREER RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS AND NEW GRADUATES, WANTS TO HEAR YOUR STUDENT VOICE.**

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Battle of the crease: Four goalies fight for junior jobs

World junior selection camp. Canada will take a third goaltender to Russia as insurance against injury

No goalie feels more pressure at the world junior hockey championship than Canada's starter, says the man cultivating the next one.

Ron Tugnutt is the Canadian team's goaltending coach and has personally experienced that kind of pressure. In addition to a long NHL career, Tugnutt twice represented Canada at the men's world championship.

"There's a lot more pressure on our goalie than on the other teams," Tugnutt said Tuesday at selection camp in Calgary.

When European teams win the semifinal, they're thrilled

Quoted

"Contrary to belief, there's no starting job being given out, I can tell you guys that."

Canadian juniors head coach Steve Spott on the goalie competition at selection camp.

at the prospect of "at least" a silver medal, but Canadian players aren't interested in anything but gold, he explained.

"When we win the semi-final game, we're only thinking one thing," Tugnutt added.

With no incumbent from the previous world junior championship, a major subplot of selection camp in Calgary this week is who will be Canada's starter, backup and alternate at the 2013 world junior championship starting Dec. 26 in Ufa, Russia.

In a new development, Canada will take a third goaltender as insurance against injury because of the travel time required to get to south-central Russia.

Malcolm Subban of the Belleville Bulls, Laurent Brossoit of the Edmonton Oil Kings, Jordan Binnington of the Owen Sound Attack and Jake Paterson of the Saginaw Spirit are the four invitees. There's little time for them to impress head coach Steve Spott as the 23-player team will be finalized Thursday afternoon.

Coach Spott tried to dampen speculation that Subban, the younger brother of Montreal Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban, has the inside track on the starting job because he plays on European-sized ice at



Goalie Malcolm Subban stretches on Tuesday during the national junior hockey team selection camp in Calgary.
JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Belleville's Yardmen Arena.

After four years on North American ice, the world junior tournament returns to a surface four metres wider with just over a half-metre more

space between the back of the net and the end boards.

Tugnutt says Subban's big-ice experience is one check mark in his favour.

"I think it is an advantage

for him just because it is a different visual," Tugnutt said. "But that's not going to be the determining factor on what happens here."

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Tagliabue overturns 'bounty' suspensions



New Orleans Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma. The suspensions of four current and former Saints players, including Vilma, have been overturned.
SCOTT ISKOWITZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

In a sharp rebuke to his successor's handling of the NFL's bounty investigation, former commissioner Paul Tagliabue overturned the suspensions of four current and former New Orleans Saints players in a case that has preoccupied the league for almost a year.

Tagliabue, who was appointed by commissioner Roger Goodell to handle the appeals, still found that three of the players engaged in conduct detrimental to the league. He said they participated in a performance pool that rewarded key plays — including hard tackles — that could merit fines. But he stressed that the

team's coaches were very much involved.

"My affirmation of commissioner Goodell's findings could certainly justify the issuance of fines. However, this entire case has been contaminated by the coaches and others in the Saints' organization," the ruling said.

Tagliabue oversaw a second round of player appeals in connection with the cash-for-hits program run by former defensive co-ordinator Gregg Williams from 2009 to 2011.

Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma had been given a full-season suspension, while defensive end Will Smith, Cleveland

Appeals

- None of the players sat out any games because of suspensions.
- They have been allowed to play while appeals are pending, though Fujita is on injured reserve and Hargrove is not with a team.

linebacker Scott Fujita and free agent defensive lineman Anthony Hargrove each received shorter suspensions.

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Lockout

NHL, players to resume talks on Wednesday

The NHL and NHL Players' Association will resume their collective bargaining negotiations at an undisclosed location Wednesday — and they'll have some company.

U.S. federal mediators Scot L. Beckenbaugh and John Sweeney are set to rejoin the process.

It will be the first meeting since the two sides took public shots at each other after talks went off the rails last week.

Prior to the blow-up, they appeared to be making progress during three days in New York that saw an exchange of proposals.

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Soccer

Sinclair nabs another award

Canadian soccer star Christine Sinclair added another award to cap a standout season.

The 29-year-old from Burnaby, B.C., was named the Canadian Soccer Association's female player of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tennis

Peliwo's stellar year ends with world's best nod from ITF

Vancouver's Filip Peliwo was named the International Tennis Federation's junior tennis player of the year on Tuesday.

The 18-year-old reached the junior boys' final of all



Vancouver's Filip Peliwo
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

four grand slam tournaments this year, winning at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	15	5	.750	—
Miami	14	5	.737	1/2
Atlanta	12	6	.667	2
Chicago	11	8	.579	3 1/2
Brooklyn	11	8	.579	3 1/2
Philadelphia	12	9	.571	3 1/2
Boston	11	9	.550	4
Milwaukee	10	9	.526	4 1/2
Indiana	10	11	.476	5 1/2
Orlando	8	12	.400	7
Charlotte	7	13	.350	8
Detroit	7	16	.304	9 1/2
Cleveland	5	17	.227	11
Toronto	4	18	.182	12
Washington	2	15	.118	11 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	18	4	.818	—
Oklahoma City	17	4	.810	1/2
Memphis	14	4	.778	2
L.A. Clippers	14	6	.700	3
Golden State	14	7	.667	3 1/2
Utah	12	10	.545	6
Dallas	11	10	.524	6 1/2
Minnesota	9	9	.500	7
Denver	10	11	.476	7 1/2
Houston	9	11	.450	8
Portland	9	12	.429	8 1/2
L.A. Lakers	9	13	.409	9
Sacramento	7	13	.350	10
Phoenix	7	15	.318	11
New Orleans	5	14	.263	11 1/2

Division leaders ranked in top three positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

Tuesday's results				
Cleveland 100 L.A. Lakers 94				
New York at Brooklyn				
Denver at Detroit				
Washington at New Orleans				
L.A. Clippers at Chicago				
Monday's results				
Golden State 104 Charlotte 96				
Philadelphia 104 Detroit 97				
Miami 101 Atlanta 92				
San Antonio 134 Houston 126 OT				
Dallas 119 Sacramento 96				
Portland 92 Toronto 74				
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern				
Brooklyn at Toronto, 7 p.m.				
Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.				
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.				
Golden State at Miami, 7:30 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.				
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.				
Dallas at Boston, 8 p.m.				
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.				
Washington at Houston, 8 p.m.				
New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.				
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				
Memphis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.				
San Antonio at Utah, 10:30 p.m.				

NBA SCORING LEADERS					
	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	21	199	160	601	28.6
Durant, Okl	21	181	171	566	27.0
Anthony, NYK	18	165	109	482	26.8
James, Mia	19	190	73	479	25.2
Harden, Hou	19	140	151	469	24.7
Westbrook, Okl	21	162	94	451	21.5
Aldridge, Por	20	166	87	419	21.0
Mayo, Dal	21	153	69	436	20.8
Curry, GoS	21	144	75	421	20.0
Pierce, Bos	20	122	108	384	19.2
Gay, Mem	18	130	59	342	19.0
Parker, SA	20	153	63	377	18.9
Lee, GoS	21	162	71	395	18.8
Ellis, Mil	19	130	83	356	18.7

LATE MONDAY NIGHT

TRAIL BLAZERS 92, RAPTORS 74

TORONTO (74)

DeRozan 7-16 6-6 20, Davis 3-7 8-8 14, Calderon 4-7 2-2 12, Pietrus 3-13 2-4 9, Valanciunas 4-6 0-0 8, Johnson 2-6 0-0 4, Bargnani 1-3 0-0 2, Gray 1-2 0-0 2, Ross 1-5 0-0 2, Lowry 0-5 1-1 1, Lucas 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 26-74 19-21 74.

PORTLAND (92)

Aldridge 11-19 8-8 30, Hickson 7-7 2-3 16, Smith 4-10 3-3 11, Pavlovic 5-12 1-0 11, Lillard 2-14 5-5 9, Leonard 2-3 2-2 6, Babbitt 2-9 0-0 4, Claver 2-12 0-0 4, Jeffries 1-2 0-0 2, Barton 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-89 20-22 92.

Toronto 19 21 19 15 — 74
Portland 18 26 20 28 — 92

3-Point Goals—Toronto 3-21 (Pietrus 1-7, Calderon 2-4, Lucas 0-4, DeRozan 0-2, Bargnani 0-2, Lowry 0-1, Ross 0-1). Portland 0-20 (Pavlovic 0-5, Babbitt 0-5, Lillard 0-5, Claver 0-3, Smith 0-1, Leonard 0-1).

Rebounds—Toronto 45 (Valanciunas 10, Davis 9, Lowry 7, DeRozan 4, Johnson 4, Pietrus 3, Gray 3, Calderon 2, Bargnani 2, Ross 1). Portland 48 (Aldridge 12, Hickson 11, Pavlovic 7, Lillard 5, Claver 5, Jeffries 4, Babbitt 3, Leonard 1). **Assists**—Toronto 13 (Calderon 6). Portland 16 (Lillard 6).

Total Fouls—Toronto 20, Portland 18.
Attendance—16,863 at Portland. T—2:08

RAPTORS STATISTICS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
DeRozan	22	153	90	406	18.5
Bargnani	21	127	53	337	16.0
Lowry	16	78	72	253	15.8
Pietrus	5	18	6	52	10.4
Calderon	22	72	30	211	9.6
Valanciunas	22	72	37	181	8.2
Kleiza	13	33	19	97	7.5
Anderson	6	14	8	44	7.3
Johnson	22	61	33	157	7.1
Davis	22	52	34	138	6.3
Ross	20	45	2	106	5.3
Lucas	17	20	4	53	3.1
Fields	5	5	2	12	2.4
Acy	3	1	5	7	2.3
Gray	10	7	2	16	1.6

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
Sunderland 3 Reading 0

FRANCE

LIGUE 1

Yesterday's result
Nice 1 Rennes 0
Paris SG 4 Valenciennes 0
Lille 2 Toulouse 0

SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH FA CUP

Fourth Round

Yesterday's result
Inverness C.T.F.C 2 Ross County 1
Aberdeen 2 Motherwell 1

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Worcester	23	12	8	1	2	65	70	27	
Providence	22	12	8	0	2	53	61	26	
Manchester	24	11	10	2	1	68	61	25	
Portland	23	11	10	1	1	72	78	24	
St. John's	25	11	13	0	1	59	71	23	
NORTHEAST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Springfield	22	14	4	1	3	79	47	32	
Bridgeport	23	11	11	0	1	72	79	23	
Connecticut	23	10	11	2	0	69	82	22	
Adirondack	23	10	12	1	0	59	69	21	
Albany	20	7	8	0	5	44	53	19	

EAST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Syracuse	23	14	6	1	2	84	67	31	
Binghamton	20	13	5	1	1	64	48	28	
W-B/Scranton	22	13	7	1	1	65	55	28	
Hershey	25	12	12	1	0	66	71	25	
Norfolk	22	10	12	0	0	63	68	20	

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTH DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Abbotsford	23	14	4	3	2	61	45	33	
Toronto	23	13	9	0	1	76	65	27	
Lake Erie	24	12	10	1	1	74	77	26	
Rochester	23	10	9	2	0	69	64	22	
Hamilton	20	8	10	1	1	42	64	18	
MIDWEST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Grand Rapids	22	13	7	1	1	74	62	28	
Rockford	25	13	11	0	1	81	76	27	
Milwaukee	22	10	9	2	1	63	67	23	
Chicago	22	10	9	2	1	58	66	23	
Peoria	23	8	11	2	2	53	80	20	

SOUTH									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Houston	23	13	7	1	2	76	64	29	
Charlotte	24	13	9	0	2	79	70	28	
Texas	23	12	8	2	1	58	62	27	
Oklahoma City	22	11	8	1	2	71	66	25	
San Antonio	25	10	12	0	3	66	75	23	

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.

Tuesday's results
Houston 5 San Antonio 1
Hershey 2 St. John's 1
Bridgeport at Portland
Milwaukee at Charlotte
Abbotsford at Rochester
Lake Erie at Hamilton
Peoria at Oklahoma City
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Hershey at St. John's, 6 p.m.
W-B/Scranton at Albany, 7 p.m.
Worcester at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Binghamton at Syracuse, 7 p.m.
Thursday's games
Rochester at Lake Erie, 7 p.m.
Hamilton at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 14
Syracuse at Adirondack, 7 p.m.
Manchester at Portland, 7 p.m.
Albany at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Peoria at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.
Houston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Binghamton at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Bridgeport at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
Rockford at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Texas at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with LHP George Sherrill, RHP Dan Wheeler and OF Willy Taveras on minor league contracts.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Claudio Vargas, RHP Richard Thompson, LHP Juan Perez, 3B Eugenio Velez and 1B/DH Luis Jimenez on minor league contracts.

NFL

NFL — Overturned suspensions of New Orleans LB Jonathan Vilma, New Orleans DE Will Smith, Cleveland LB Scott Fujita and free agent DL Anthony Hargrove for their part in the Saints bounty program. Suspended Baltimore CB Asa Jackson four games for violating the league's policy on performance enhancing substances.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released WR Isaiah Williams from the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS — Placed RB Fred Jackson on injured reserve. Signed DT Jay Ross from the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Released OL Andre Gurode. Placed PK Robbie Gould, CB Sherrick McManis and S Craig Steltz on injured reserve. Signed PK Olindo Mare to a one-year contract and LB Jerry Franklin to a two-year contract. Signed WR Joe Anderson from the practice squad and G Chris Riley to the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed T Paul Cornick to the practice squad.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released LB Vic So'oto. Signed DT Jordan Miller from the practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed G Mike Brewster on injured reserve. Signed RB Keith Toston.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Placed WR Donté Stallworth on injured reserve. Released TE Visanthe Shiancoe. Released OL Tommie Draheim from the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS — Claimed WR Braylon Edwards off waivers from Seattle.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed WR Akwasi Owusu-Ansah to the practice squad.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Suspended RB Rashard Mendenhall for conduct detrimental to the team. Signed RB Baron Batch from the practice squad.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Placed DT Demarcus Dobbs on injured reserve.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released WR Braylon Edwards.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Released WR David Gilreath. Placed DB Myron Lewis on injured reserve. Claimed G Hayworth Hicks off waivers from Kansas City.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Released RB Lennon Creer from the practice squad. Signed TE Martell Webb to the practice squad.

CFL

B.C. LIONS — Signed LB Adam Bighill to a contract extension.
CALGARY STAMPEDEERS — Signed DL Corey Mace to a contract extension.
HAMILTON TIGER-CATS — Fired coach and director of football operations George Cortez.

MLS

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION — Traded M Benny Feilhaber to Sporting Kansas City for allocation money, a 2014 first-round draft pick and a 2015 second-round draft pick.
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed G Santiago Castano and F Armando Moreno.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	10	3	0	.769	472	274
N.Y. Jets	6	7	0	.462	245	306
Miami	5	8	0	.385	240	276
Buffalo	5	8	0	.385	289	352
SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Houston	11	2	0	.846	365	263
Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	292	329
Tennessee	4	9	0	.308	271	386
Jacksonville	2	11	0	.154	216	359

NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	4	0	.692	331	273
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	278	264
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538	321	280
Cleveland	5	8	0	.385	259	272
WEST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Los Angeles	10	3	0	.769	375	257
San Diego	5	8	0	.385	292	281
Oakland	3	10	0	.231	248	402
Kansas City	2	11	0	.154	195	352

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Space

From front to back, the Flex appears as straight up and down as a shoebox, which is a major contributor to its overall roominess. Although its six, or seven, passenger layout is near tops in this segment, cargo space with the rear seats in place or folded completely flat is about average.



The Flex's dashboard

2013 Ford Flex

- **Type.** Four-door, front/all-wheel-drive, full size wagon.
- **Engines (hp).** 3.5-litre DOHC V6 (287), 3.5 litre DOHC V6, twin-turbocharged (365).
- **Transmission.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl.destination).** \$32,150

Design

The Flex is mostly rectangular and has highly practical styling. Ford's designers made no attempt to disguise the vehicle's significant size, but for the 2013 model year they did devise a far more expressive nose consisting of a single brushed aluminum bar flanked by projector beam-style headlights.

Engine

The standard 3.5-litre V6 now makes 287 horsepower and 254 pound-feet of torque, a gain of 25 horses and six pound-feet from the 2012 engine. Optional is the returning 3.5-litre twin-turbocharged "EcoBoost" V6 rated at 365 (hp) and 350 pound-feet of torque, but only if it's fed premium-grade gasoline.

Review. If there's one vehicle that lives up to its name, this is it!

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Say what you will about the Ford Flex, this big-rig takes its people and cargo-carrying role seriously, but with a sly wink and a nod when the topic of styling is mentioned.

Wagon-style bodies are somewhat of a Ford specialty. Along with the Flex, three-row seating is offered in the full-size Expedition and the Explorer, while the Edge, Escape and the passenger version of the Transit Connect cargo van provide space for five.

Among them, however, the Flex is unique. It sits low to the ground like a regular sedan and shares the same platform with the Lincoln MKT wagon. That's preferable for those who want to access their vehicle without using a stepladder.

For 2013, Ford has upgraded

the Flex in other ways, including the availability of second-row seatbelts that act a bit like airbags and inflate within 40 milliseconds of a crash. Additional extra-cost safety gear consists of radar-based adaptive cruise control that keeps a steady distance from the vehicle in front, and blind spot information with cross-traffic alert that warns of overtaking vehicles and vehicles approaching from either side when backing out of a parking spot. Then there's curve control that can detect when the Flex is entering a turn too quickly and within a second applies braking force to slow the vehicle down by up to 16 km/h.

The Flex's three-model line up starts with the \$32,150 (including destination charges) SE that arrives fairly well equipped with all the usual accessories and gadgets.

The Flex's oversize dimensions and rectangular silhouette might give some buyers pause, but if you're seeking something different, thinking inside the box could make this Ford the perfect fit.



The Flex can seat six or seven people depending on your order.



Fold down the seats for some added room

By comparison



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2 Chevrolet Traverse
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2006-2011 Mercedes B-Class

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The Mercedes B200 was the German brand's first foray into the Canadian mini-crossover market. Slotted somewhere between a wagon, crossover and minivan, this five-door model proved a highly functional, upscale and efficient people hauler. Flexible and big on comfort and utility, this little Benz was only sold in Canada on our side of the ocean.

A panoramic sunroof, projector lights, heated leather, automatic climate control, Bluetooth and remote keyless access were among the B-Class's available features.



PHOTO: HANDOUT

certain the seller was a fan of frequent, high-quality oil changes.

Run the panoramic roof (if equipped) fully between its open and closed positions, ensuring it works properly.

Finally, note that the B-Class's CVT transmission should provide seamless and liquid-smooth acceleration. Any hesitation, jerkiness or driveability issues, possibly accompanied by warning messages in the instrument cluster, could be the result of a faulty sensor or control module related to the transmission. Opt for a manual-equipped model where possible.

Engine



Power came from a two-litre, 134-horsepower four-cylinder engine in the B200, or a 193-horsepower turbocharged version thereof, in the B200 Turbo. Manual or CVT transmissions were both available, depending on the model.

What owners like



Noted were high levels of build quality, cabin comfort, and smooth and effortless performance on turbocharged models. Overall flexibility, maneuverability and visibility were also highly rated.

What owners dislike



Some owners wish for quicker reactions to their stereo system inputs, and a more consistent feel to the B200's electronic throttle.

Verdict

Shoppers willing to pay a premium in the used market can expect the B-Class's upscale looks, cabin and ride to help justify the higher price. Ditto its efficient, sporty performance and everyday utility.

Common Issues

Have the brakes inspected, asking the mechanic to pay extra attention to the rear brakes for signs of excessive or uneven wear, or rust. Any unwelcomed noises, resistance or a 'notchy' feeling to the steering as you turn the steering from lock to lock could indicate a problem with the steering rack.

Double check the oil level and condition in the B-Class you're considering, and be

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With visibility vital, winter wipers always keep safety in sight

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Just like tires, it's wise to switch wipers when the cold kicks in to ensure maximum safety

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Your wiper blades are among the most critical safety features on your vehicle. If you can't see, you're not safe, and dirt builds up quickly in winter weather.

"Visibility is extremely important," says Graham Jeffrey, winter driving expert for Canadian Tire. "You want the wiper that will give you the best possible performance."

The claw structure, one of the oldest designs, uses a thin blade. A more modern design is the beam blade, which uses a wider wiper.

"Instead of pressure points like the claw structure, the beam maintains even pressure

across the blade, which gives it a more consistent wipe," Jeffrey says.

"And with the claw structure, there are open spaces where you can get a lot of snow build-up, which limits the wiper's ability to form to the windshield and give you a solid wipe."

At higher speeds, claw blades are more susceptible to wind, which can lift them off the glass and cause chatter. Beam blades are more aerodynamic and aren't as affected by this.

Just as you can put winter tires on your car, you can also switch to winter wiper blades. Originally these were claw blades with a rubber boot that prevented them clogging with snow.

Today's winter blades use a special rubber compound that stays supple at very low temperatures. Most will wear quickly in hot weather, so it's best to switch to regular blades in spring, and store these pricier blades until next winter.

Quoted

"A beam blade on its own is not defined as a winter wiper blade. Beam blades have a significant advantage over a claw blade and if you're going to use one all year round the beam blade is better."

Graham Jeffrey, winter driving expert for Canadian Tire
On the importance of choosing the right windshield wiper.

"A beam blade on its own is not defined as a winter wiper blade," Jeffrey says.

"Beam blades have a significant advantage over a claw blade, and if you're only going to use one year-round, the beam blade is better. But when you get into a winter blade, you get that winter compound too."

When cleaning ice off



Choose your blades wisely for the cutting winter ahead. HANDOUT

Rules

- **No dirty blades.** Always replace your wiper blades if they start to streak or leave dirty patches.
- **Choose correct fluid.** Use windshield washer fluid that's formulated for winter temperatures. If fluid freezes on the glass, you won't be able to see.
- **Double check wiper choice.** Some vehicles have two different sized wiper blades, due to the shape of the windshield, so be sure you're buying the right ones.

your windshield, be careful not to hit your wiper blades with the scraper. If the blades are stuck to the windshield, turn on the defrosters to help free them. If you just pull on them, they may tear.

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The hustle and bustle of the show. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Motorcycle show big on the small

Autopilot



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This model is part of Honda's new CB500 line.

I wouldn't say there is anything wrong with an outrageously loud and over-powered Orange County chopper, especially to the weathered face and tattooed biceps of a large person who just got off such a bike in the parking lot. But bigger motorbikes are just not my style.

I love small motorcycles. They're fun to ride and easy to own. And I'm in the styling camp that gravitates to great proportions above all else, so to me, overall size has very little to do with the visual impact and/or appeal of any given bike or car.

So I was thrilled to see so many neat and smallish rides on the show floor of last weekend's motorcycle show in Toronto.

This is the show run by the manufacturers, via its Motorcycle and Moped Industry Council (MMIC). After Toronto, the MMIC show makes stops in Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Quebec, Moncton and Montreal. (Check local listings for dates and venues).

At last year's show, for example, you wouldn't have seen the new Suzuki GW250, or Honda's new CB500 line (CB500F, CB500X, CBR500R). Honda suddenly has a very attractive and logical progression of street bikes, in 125-cc, 250-cc and 500-cc formats.

"People want an afford-

able entry level motorcycle. That's where the market is going right now," said Dave Hawson, director of sales and marketing for Suzuki Canada's motorcycle, ATV and marine division.

Hawson added that a lot of the "affordability" of smaller bikes manifests itself in the insurance end, especially for younger and/or newer riders.

He's dead right. My small phone survey to brokers revealed that an 18-year-old looking to insure a 600-cc sportbike in the GTA would be looking at premiums of about \$3,500 to \$4,000 and beyond. By contrast, that same 18-year-old rider could insure a 250-cc bike in the GTA for \$1,500 to \$2,000 — basically half the price.

At the show I ran into Dave Mackenzie of Motorsports Canada, which imports the Wolf Classic 150 — a Honda Rebel knockoff with a 150-cc engine.

He felt that up until a few years ago, the Canadian market was "starved" of small motorcycles.

He believed the big brands shied away from them here in North America, because there was simply more money to be found, per unit, in the larger

bike formats.

I guess it's hard to say whether that was the case, or if it was simply a case of no one wanting to buy the smaller bikes back then.

But there is no denying, however, that the big brands are more aware and concerned than ever that their biggest group of motorcycle buyers — the boomers — are getting older and older and will soon fade from the scene and that they need a new generation of buyers to get into motorcycling culture.

Insurance and industry forces aside, I think people have also generally rediscovered the joys of smallish motorcycles, after years of chasing horsepower and their high-speed capabilities.

For those that like the bigger stuff, have no fear. The influx of smaller bikes has not diminished the number of variety of big, powerful bikes, in all their guises.

To each their own, I say, even if they are so wrong in their big-bike convictions that they can no longer be saved from them.

Even by me.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20
Don't take sides or play favourites today. In fact, steer clear of contentious issues altogether if you can. No matter how hard you try to be fair, you will make more enemies than friends.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21
You are being too serious about something that is of no importance in the greater scheme of things. Focus on what makes you feel good, what makes you laugh, what makes you glad to be alive. Nothing else matters.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21
It may seem as if someone you live or work with is trying to undermine your efforts, but in reality you are reading too much into a situation that is quite straightforward. Don't listen to what they say — watch what they do.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23
No matter how annoying certain people get today, you must not allow yourself to be provoked. You may be raging on the inside but if you stay calm on the outside it will defuse what could have been a messy situation.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23
A sudden attraction is likely today but it may be more than just romantic. Most likely you will meet someone whose mind is a match for your own, and whose sense of humour has you laughing fit to bust.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You need to do some serious thinking about a relationship that has brought you a lot of pleasure but also a considerable amount of pain. Is it worth carrying on with? Only you can decide. Make your choice.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You need to slow down and catch your breath today because what happens over the following three or four days will be both exciting and exhausting. Give your body, your mind and your emotions a rest — they've earned it.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 2 04 - Nov. 22
If you uncover some juicy information about a friend, you should keep it to yourself. It will save them from embarrassment — and give you a bargaining chip you may one day be able to use.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Some people are feeling rather resentful towards you. Why? Because everything you touch turns to gold. It's not your fault you are smack bang in the middle of such a fortunate phase, so don't feel guilty about it.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The planets warn that although it's right to feel pleased with what you have achieved, it would be wrong to believe it's all plain sailing from now on. A new challenge is heading your way. Be ready for it.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Stop thinking about what has gone wrong and focus on the many things that are still going right for you. There is no reason at all why you should be in a downbeat mood. Life is good and getting better.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20
A friend in need may be the last thing you want to deal with right now but you are not the sort to turn them away. Do what you can to soothe their fears and ease their pain. You'll benefit too, in unexpected ways. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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- Apple product
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- Buddhist sect
- Fuss
- Gamble
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- Bikini half
- Courtroom figure (abbr.)
- Snakelike fish
- My Name is --
- Syrup source
- Minneapolis state.
- Wee Irish fairy
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- "-- on Me"
- La Rue of CSI: Miami
- Related
- Do away with
- Tin Tin
- Jeans go-with
- Pauses
- Unhappy

Down

- We celebrate her in May
- Actress Ortiz of Ugly Betty
- Transporter
- Hairdo
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- Sound measure
- Sub zero comment
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- Juicy fruit
- Ward off
- Pennants
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